

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. Claims 1-15 have been amended and Claim 16 has been canceled.

The outstanding Office Action objected to Claim 2 because of informalities and Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(3) as being anticipated by Sills et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,690,746).

Claims 1 and 3-15 have been amended to remove reference numbers only, consistent with U.S. practice. Claim 2 has been amended to correct an informality.

Consequently, in light of the forgoing amendment, Claims 1-15 are believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable decision to that effect is respectfully requested.


Respectfully submitted,

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